

REACTION

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Note to the Editor-in-Chief: My apologies to the people whose blood pressure rises when they read this column. Unhappily for them I have absolutely no sympathy for anyone bothered by the facts. If, however, YOU are afraid of the skeletons in the Student Union closets, please censor my column to ensure that the paper is uniformly bland.

Those of you with good memories will recall last year's referendum campaign in which the CAUSE committee demanded immediate improvements to the SUB, including an expanded Social Club and a clean useable Blue Lounge. When the initial designs of the SUB Board were soundly defeated by students supporting the CAUSE stand, we were promised that "something" would be done right away. That was last November... here we are a year later with a SUB that even barnyard pigs would refuse to use. To add insult to injury, the SUB Board, prodded by the Social Club, has succeeded in ripping apart the top floor ballroom area of the building to "enlarge the club". The sad part is that nobody bothered to ask the students if they wanted this plan, and secondly that the new club which we were promised for "August at the latest" has not yet materialized.

Hand in hand with the muck-ups at the SUB Board we have great successes in the entertainment field. Last weekend's Extravaganza really takes the cake. Not only did we have Teenage Head here for the "twentieth" straight time, but anyone who arrived later than 10:15 found out that there was nothing left to drink. As for those hoping to get tickets at the door, it seems that there was nearly a riot when the line-up got out of order. Why does it seem that even the simplest of things are virtual impossibilities for the Student Union?

Moving to another issue, last week saw an assembly of all the UNB foreign student organizations in front of the Old Arts Building to protest their mistreatment by the Foreign Students Advisor Doreen Kissick. It seems that she has greatly abused her authority by interfering in the lives and affairs of these students to their detriment. Predictably, the SRC was totally in the dark about their plight and didn't even want to get involved. In fact, not a single councillor would second a motion I made at council to investigate the complaints and offer all possible assistance to the foreign students. What kind of a Student Union is this when it won't bother to help a large group of students with serious grievances?

Coming back to the story of improper appointments and nominations in the Student Union which took place over the summer, one phrase can sum up the whole problem: "Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely." People like Finnan, Kay and even Thorbourne were certainly no worse than others on campus. To tell the truth, they were more dedicated to the Student Union than the vast majority. The reason why they fell in the esteem of the public was not so much their own fault, but the fault of the system. So long as the leaders of the student government are in no way bound to respect the views and directions of their constituents, we can never be guaranteed that they are doing what we want them to. As long as the president gets the exorbitant amount of \$2500 of student money in honorarium, plus free tuition, and five dollars an hour all summer, we will never know for sure whether he is in the job because of duty and commitment, or just for the money. The only way to stop the corrupt mumbling and fumbling in the student government is to instill a sense of duty in the representatives by calling for mandatory constituency meetings and making sure that by petitions, referenda, and recall, the whole student body may have a direct say in Student Union affairs. So the next time somebody accuses you of having it out for "so and so" in the SRC personally, you should honestly respond that it's really the system that we want to improve and not heads that we want to chop.

Finally, two announcements. First, as I promised last week, this afternoon at three o'clock in room 103 of the SUB there will be a meeting open to all those interested in the residence house bars system and the work towards the acceptance of a blanket liquor license for the whole campus. All residences are urged to send representatives to this meeting. And secondly, there will be a monthly open constituency meeting for all engineering students, starting next Wednesday at a location which will be posted on bulletin boards in Head Hall. On the agenda are expanded funding of societies, stronger representation of our faculty at the SRC, and increased activities during the year including the Godivan newspaper, and Engineering Week.

Enough Reaction for one week....

PSSA to go to CUBA

By SARAH ABRAHAM
Brunswickan Staff

Have you ever had the yen to luxuriate under the warm sun of a tropical paradise while lazily watching the sparkling surf ebb and flow before you? To explore the mysterious depths hidden behind the iron veil of a communist nation? To enjoy lively night time entertainment or to simply sip complementary beer while discovering the intricacies of cigar-making? If

so, Cuba is your kind of country!

The Political Science Students Association is presently making plans to visit Cuba in January. Students of all faculties are invited to come along. Estimated individual expenses for the trip are not set at five hundred dollars to be paid by December. This price will include not only transportation but also accommodations and food (all you can eat buffets). The trip will be of one weeks duration.

All those students who experienced the last P.S.S.A. sponsored trip to Washington last spring can guarantee you a well organized trip packed with fun, adventure and camaraderie.

All persons, seriously interested in the Cuban trip are requested to attend the next P.S.S.A. meeting in October for more information. Announcements specifying the time and the place of the meeting will be advertised in the Brunswickan and around campus in the near future.

Camera Club to meet

The UNB Camera Club will be holding its first meeting of the year at 7:00 on Thursday, September 30 in SUB, room 103. At the meeting plans for the upcoming year will be discussed. In the past Camera Club activities have included field trips and darkroom classes.

The club has a well equipped darkroom located in the men's residences which is open to club members only. The darkroom contains an enlarger, print dryer, film trays and tanks. All a member needs to supply is the chemicals and paper.

For the photographer who is short of equipment, the club does have some items available for use of its members. These include, a camera, lenses, a flash attach-

ment, and a tripod. We encourage all people interested in photography to come to our meeting next week.

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THREE STUDENTS FROM GENERAL BODY
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TWO ALTERNATE MEMBERS (to be called to ensure quorum at meetings)
»PLEASE APPLY IN WRITING TO SRC OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY OCT. 1, 1982 4:00 pm

Journalist to speak

Journalist, Heather Menzies, whose recent publications included *Women and the Chip*, and *Computers on the Job* will present the first in the 1982-83 series of Guest Lectures at St. Thomas University, Thursday, September 30, at 11:30 a.m. in the Edmund Casey Auditorium. "Adapting to Computers" is the title of Menzies' lecture.

The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

Students 15% off anytime

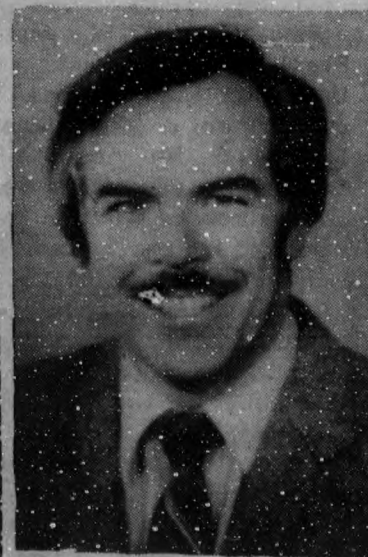
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